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REMARKS

The Office communication dated April 16, 2004 states that the Reply filed on December 22, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the format of the Reply is improper.

A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on May 17, 2004. The Examiner clarified that the Reply filed on December 22, 2003 was entered into the record but was not complete due to confusion over the pending claims. The Examiner stated that submission of a Reply with a clean set of all claims would satisfy the Office communication.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants submit herewith a listing of claims that replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Claims 1-35 are labeled as "canceled," and claims 36-49 are labeled as "new." Support for the claims is as stated on pages 8-10 of the Reply filed on December 22, 2003.

No new matter is inserted into the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the new claims in the application.

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Request for Personal Interview

If, for any reason, the instant Supplemental Reply does not clarify all issues and place the present application in condition for allowance, Examiner Sisson is respectfully requested to contact Kristi L. Rupert, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 45,702) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to schedule a personal interview at the Examiner's convenience.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the above remarks and/or amendments address and overcome the outstanding rejections of record. The present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance indicating that claims 36-49 are allowed.

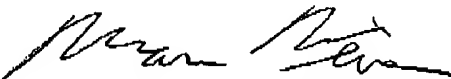
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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